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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
10 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 WILLIAMS MEARS, individually and  
12 as successor in interest to Michael  
13 Mears; and JOANNA WYSOCKI,  
14 individually and as successor in interest  
to Michael Mears,

15 **Plaintiffs,**

16 **vs.**

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18 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a  
19 municipality; STEVEN BEUMER, an  
20 individual; JOSE PEDROZA, an  
21 individual; JONATHAN GAN, an  
22 individual; OFFICER SEFFEL, an  
23 individual; OFFICER LEW, an  
individual; OFFICER GIST, an  
individual; and SGT. WILIAMS, an  
individual,

24 **Defendants.**  
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**CASE NO.: CV 15-08441 JAK (AJWx)**  
Consol. w/ CV 15-09586 JAK (AJWx)

**VERDICT**

1 We, the jury, find as follows:

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3 **QUESTION 1:**

4 Did any of the defendants use excessive or unreasonable force against  
5 Michael Mears, integrally participate in the use of excessive or unreasonable force  
6 against Michael Mears, or fail to intervene in the use of excessive or unreasonable  
7 force against Michael Mears?

8	1 { Steven Beumer	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>      </u>	NO
9	Jose Pedroza	<u>      </u>	YES	<u>X</u>	NO
10	2 { Jonathan Gan	<u>X</u>	YES	<u><del>NO</del></u>	NO
11	John Seffel	<u>      </u>	YES	<u>X</u>	NO
12	Andrey Wilkins	<u>      </u>	YES	<u>X</u>	NO

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14 *If you answered "Yes" to Question 1 as to any of the defendants, please*  
15 *answer Question 2 as to the Defendant(s) for whom you answered "Yes".*

16 *If you answered "No" to Question 1 for all of the defendants, please proceed*  
17 *to Question No. 4.*

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19 **QUESTION 2:**

20 Was any of the Defendant(s)' use of excessive or unreasonable force, integral  
21 participation, or failure to intervene a substantial factor in causing injury, loss,  
22 damage, harm or death to Michael Mears?

23	Steven Beumer	<u>      </u>	YES	<u>X</u>	NO
24	Jose Pedroza	<u>      </u>	YES	<u>X</u>	NO
25	Jonathan Gan	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>      </u>	NO
26	John Seffel	<u>      </u>	YES	<u>X</u>	NO
27	Andrey Wilkins	<u>      </u>	YES	<u>X</u>	NO

1       If you answered "Yes" to Question 2 for any of the Defendants, please  
 2       answer Question 3. If you answered "No" to Question 2 for all of the Defendants,  
 3       please proceed to Question 4.

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 5       **QUESTION 3:**

6       What are Michael Mears' damages for his loss of enjoyment of life and for  
 7       his pre-death pain and suffering?

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 9       \$ 2.5 million

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 11       Please proceed to Question 4.

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 13       **QUESTION 4:**

14       Were any of the defendants negligent in their conduct toward Michael Mears?

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16	Steven Beumer	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>          </u> NO
17	Jose Pedroza	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>          </u> NO
18	Jonathan Gan	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>          </u> NO
19	John Seffel	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>          </u> NO
20	Andrey Wilkins	<u>          </u>	YES	<u>X</u> NO

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 22       If you answered "Yes" to Question 4 for any of the Defendants, please  
 23       answer Question 5. If you answered "No" to Question 4 for all of the Defendants,  
 24       but "Yes" to Question 2 for any of the Defendants, please proceed to Question 9.

25       If you answered "No" to Question 1 for all of the Defendants, and if you  
 26       answered "No" to all Defendants in Question 4, please sign, date and return the  
 27       Verdict form to the Court.

**QUESTION 5:**

Was the negligence a substantial factor in causing injury, loss, damage, harm or death to Michael Mears?

Steven Beumer	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>          </u>	NO
Jose Pedroza	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>          </u>	NO
Jonathan Gan	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>          </u>	NO
John Seffel	<u>X</u>	YES	<u>          </u>	NO
Andrey Wilkins	<u>          </u>	YES	<u>X</u>	NO

*If you answered "Yes" to Question 5 for any Defendant, please answer Question 6. If you answered "No" to Question 5 for all of the Defendants, but "Yes" to Question 2 for any of the Defendants, please proceed to Question 9. If you answered "No" to Question 5 for all of the Defendants, but "Yes" to Question 1 for any of the Defendants, please proceed to Question 10.*

**QUESTION 6:**

Was the decedent negligent?

X YES            NO

*If you answered "Yes" to Question 6, please answer Question 7.*

*If you answered "No" to Question 6, but "Yes" Questions 2 or 5 for any of the Defendants, please answer Question 9.*

**QUESTION 7:**

Was the decedent's negligence a substantial factor in causing his death?

X YES            NO

*Please proceed to Question 8.*

**QUESTION 8:**

What percentage of negligence do you assign to the following persons: (Your total should equal 100%).

Steven Beumer	<u>20</u>	%
- Jose Pedroza	<u>10</u>	%
Jonathan Gan	<u>20</u>	%
- John Seffel	<u>5</u>	%
Andrey Wilkins	<u>0</u>	%
Michael Mears	<u>45</u>	%
	100%	

*Please proceed to Question 9 if you've answered "Yes" as to any defendant for Questions 2 or 5.*

**QUESTION 9:**

What are Plaintiffs' wrongful death damages for their past and future loss of Michael Mears' love, companionship, comfort, care, training, education, assistance, protection, affection, society, and moral support?

**A. William Mears**

Past loss:

+ medical \$ 750,000Funeral expenses \$ 750,000

Future loss:

**B. Joanna Wysocki**

Past loss:

+ medical \$ 750,000Funeral expenses \$ 750,000

Future loss:

If you answered "Yes" to Question No. 1, answer Question 10.

**QUESTION 10:**

Was the City of Los Angeles deliberately indifferent to the training of its officers with respect to the use of the TASER or, with respect to positional or restraint asphyxia?

X YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If you answered "Yes" to Question 10, please answer Question 11.

~~X~~ YES                                 NO

**REDACTED SIGNATURE**

Date: 11.13.17

**Jury Foreperson**